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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROTO HIGUCHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: TONER, METHOD FOR :  
MANUFACTURING THE TONER, AND  
IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS USING THE TONER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.